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My name is Carina Dozier. I am a second grade teacher at MD Fox School in Hartford, CT, and I have been teaching for two years. I support Bill 948 because I have seen first-hand how funding inequity affects my students, and especially how they miss out on learning because they do not have the same materials, resources, or opportunities that students in wealthier districts take for granted. It is not just that my students do not have more advanced materials like tablets, Chromebooks, or Foundations kits, but even more basic materials like pencils, paper, or erasers. This means that though I might teach the same curriculum as other districts, my students are not learning everything they should or getting the full impact of said curriculum, because they do not have the necessary tools to do so. I believe this bill must be passed because inadequate funding means that our predominantly black and brown students are being shunted to the side, consistently unable to fully participate in learning due to circumstances outside of their control. If Connecticut truly cares about all its students, this bill must be passed so that our students get what they need right now - they cannot afford to wait.